

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hiroyuki KYUSHIMA et al.)	Confirmation No.: 2693
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Application No.: 10/589,602)	Group Art Unit: 2879
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Filed: August 16, 2006)	Examiner: Hollweg, Thomas A.
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For: PHOTOMULTIPLIER AND ITS)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement at least because it does not accurately reflect the claim language in amended independent claim 1. In particular, page 2, item 4, recites "amended independent claim 1 is allowable for the same reasons given in the Notice of Allowance of December 1, 2010." However, the structural definition of the amended independent claim does not correspond to the configuration indicated in the previous reasons for allowance. Namely, the previous reasons for allowance includes the feature that one end of the photocathode electrode is in direct contact with the photocathode. Such a recitation is not included in current allowed claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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